GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) system in the Sunderban region in place of Multi Access Rural Radio (MARR) system which has become out-dated for telephone network;

(b) if so, the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard;

(c) whether the Government have any proposal to open more telephone exchanges in the region;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Government has planned to replace the faulty irrepairable MARR systems by Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) systems in Sunderban area progressively commencing from the current year. West Bengal Circle has been allotted 35,000 lines of WLL systems.

(c) to (e): Two new exchanges are planned to be opened at Jamtala and Jibantala in the region each having capacity of 150 lines. Bakkhali exchange is planned to be expanded from 150 lines to 300 lines.